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A voluntary commitment to sustainability for all APTA member organizations to:

* Give credit for the efforts that members are already making in sustainability,
* Support those who are taking the first steps in their sustainability journeys,
* Put APTA members on the path of continual improvement in sustainability,
* Support the exchange of good practices, and
* Set out core sustainability principles, an action plan, and a course for progress.

Sign as an Entry-level signatory on the back of this flyer and hand into an APTA staff member at an APTA conference/workshop, or send in via e-mail to [elovinggood@apta.com](mailto:elovinggood@apta.com)

Commitments accepted year-round.

By signing the Commitment, members commit to meeting core sustainability principles on their own timing and resource availability. There are no prerequisites to signing at Entry-level.

Receiving Entry-level status indicates your organization’s intent to establish an earnest commitment to sustainability.

As signatories advance their progress in sustainability, they can apply for further recognition of their achievements and make further commitments. The higher levels of recognition are defined as Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. Mentoring connections are available and encouraged…APTA staff can support introductions to support involvement and answer questions about the program.

For more information and to see a list of existing commitment signatories, please visit: <http://www.apta.com/resources/hottopics/sustainability/Pages/Commitment.aspx>

or contact Elizabeth Lovinggood at (202) 496-4878 or [elovinggood@apta.com](mailto:elovinggood@apta.com)

The APTA Sustainability Commitment

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| My organization, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  a member of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), intends to continually improve its sustainability practices and fulfill the core principles of the APTA Sustainability Commitment, as follows:   1. Making sustainability a part of my organization’s strategic objectives 2. Identifying a sustainability champion within my organization coupled with the proper human and/or financial resources and mandates 3. Establishing an outreach program (awareness-raising and education) on sustainability for all staff of my organization 4. Establishing a base-line measurement for my organization of the following indicators:    * Water usage    * Criteria air pollutants    * GHG emissions (and GHG savings)    * Energy use (electricity, fuel)    * Recycling levels/waste    * Establishing a base-line measurement for my organization of the following indicators: 5. Provide the transit industry with products and services that contribute to sustainability   *\*Businesses/non-operators may only be exempt from this if they are unable to develop baseline measures*  Within one year of signing, my organization will give a progress report of steps made to achieve the core principles.  Name and position of person empowered to sign on behalf of organization:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Contact person/email (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Please send application forms to the attention of Elizabeth Lovinggood  by email to [elovinggood@apta.com](mailto:elovinggood@apta.com) |  |
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## SIGNATORY APPLICATION

## BUSINESS MEMBERS/NON-OPERATORS

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